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Dear Child Care Facility Improvement Grant Applicants

The Children's Division has received your application in response to the Child Care Facility Improvement Grant which closed on February 8, 2010.

The Children's Division received 261 grant applications, which were evaluated for their responsiveness and commitment to improve their facility's physical structure in order to maintain licensing requirements and to serve a percentage of children whose families receive services through the Department of Social Services, Children's Division. The evaluation was conducted by a team of early childhood professionals that have no personal interest in the outcome of the grant. Based upon the evaluation conducted, the Children's Division, Early Childhood and Prevention Services Section has offered grant awards to the following applicants:

Northwest Region

YWCA St. Joseph
Audrey Tolson
Kim A. Boggs
The Learning Garden
Panda Care Day Care
One Step Ahead Early Learning Center LLC.
Creation Station of Dekalb County
Kids Castle Playschool and Nursery
Step By Step Early Care And Education, LLC
Melita Smith Day Nursery
Rhonda Dieckmann
Community Services Inc., of Northwest Missouri

Kansas City Region

Northland Early Education Center (NEEC)
Triality Tots
The Children's Place
Marian's Kids, Inc
Above & Beyond Child Development
Richard C Green Sr. Family YMCA Early Learning
The Learning Gardens
Just Like Grandma's Child Care Center
Ed U Care Child Development Center, Inc.
La Petite Academy, Inc.--NW 64th Terrace
A Step Above Childcare

Guidance Childcare Center Dear's Little School House Kim's Play School Child Care

Discovery Time Preschool

Julie Brown Daycare

Southwest Region

Luanna Jean Wendler
StringBeans Childcare
Curiosity Corner Learning Center, LLC
Children's Learning Center
Frances Rittenhouse Learning Center for Children
Sarah L Carr
Linda Allhands
Lafayette House
Angel's Haven
Rae L Drake
Lorrie Stratton
Creative Learning Center, Education-Recreation, LLC
Missouri Southern State University (MSSU)
Morgan County Day Care Association dba/Children's House

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Northeast Region

Apple Tree Academy
Little Miracles Preschool
Hannibal Children's Center
Margaret L Kocher
Big Top Child Development Center
The Learning Center
Show-Me Child Care Center, Inc.
Bowling Green Head Start & Early Head Start
Rock Bridge Preschool
UCP Easter Seals Heartland
Child's World Play School

St. Louis Region

Tiny Shoes Learning Center
Lemay Child and Family Center
The Nursery Foundation of St. Louis
Good Shepherd Infant and Toddler Center
The Gingerbread House Daycare and Learning Center
Jefferson College Child Development Center
Friendly Temple Child Development Center
Cornerstone Center for Early Learning, Inc.
Urban Sprouts Child Development
Creative Expressions Learning Center, Inc.
Academy for Creative Education
University City Children's Center
United Services for the Handicapped
Beginning Futures
New Day Child Development Center Inc

Southeast Region

Jannell Abbott

Ms. Deanna's Preschools, LLC The Early Learning Place LLC

Just Kids/ Just Babies Learning Development Center, East Main

Little Learners Academy

Van Buren R-1 Early Learning Center

Randa's Childcare Debra J. Martin Wee Care Daycare

Shining Stars Preschool, LLC Daycare@Work a NARS Company

Little Friends LLC

Tender Hearts Preschool Academy LLC

M and M's Kids Kampus, LLC

St. James R-1 School Dist/Mel Carnahan Fam. Learning Center

Community Day School

Rosey Cozy Cottage Daycare LLC Advance Learning Center, LLC

In the event the above applicants decline the grant award, the Children's Division will consider the remaining applicants for alternate award offers.

Thank you for your interest in working with the Children's Division and submitting your application. Please be aware that the name and address of you facility has been added to our mailing list. In the event the Children's Division has future grant opportunities for child care, the Children's Division will notify you at the e-mail address submitted with your application.

If you have any questions or need to update your contact information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Stacey.J.Wood@dss.mo.gov or 573-526-3433.

Sincerely,

Stacey J. Wood Procurement Officer